

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND claim 1, as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A sheet discharging apparatus comprising:

a sheet discharging unit which discharges a sheet from a sheet discharge port of said sheet discharging unit;

a charge eliminating member which is disposed at said sheet discharge port,
and which eliminates static electricity in the sheet discharged from said sheet discharge port on a
downstream side of said sheet discharging unit in a sheet discharging direction; and

a sheet stacking unit, being able to ascend and descend passing said sheet
discharge port, on which the sheet discharged by said sheet discharging unit is stacked,

wherein said charge eliminating member is disposed so that its tip portion is
directed along the sheet discharging direction from an upstream side toward the downstream side
of the sheet discharging direction, and

wherein said charge eliminating member is contactable with an end of the sheet
stacked on said sheet stacking unit.

2. (Previously Presented) A sheet discharging apparatus according to
claim 1, wherein said sheet stacking unit comprises a stacking tray, and

wherein said sheet stacking tray has an escape portion which avoids contact
with said charge eliminating member.

3. (Previously Presented) A sheet discharging apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said charge eliminating member is disposed a predetermined distance away from said surface of the sheet being discharged.

4. (Previously Presented) A sheet treating apparatus comprising:
a sheet treating unit which treats a sheet; and
a sheet discharging apparatus which discharge the sheet treated by said sheet treating unit;

wherein said sheet discharging apparatus is a sheet discharging apparatus recited in any one of claims 1 to 3.

5. (Previously Presented) An image forming apparatus comprising:
an image forming unit which forms an image on a sheet; and
a sheet discharging apparatus which discharges the sheet on which an image is formed by said image forming unit;

wherein said sheet discharging apparatus is a sheet discharging apparatus recited in any one of claims 1 to 3.